

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Forest Conservation Act, 1980 – Diversion of **115.78 Ha.** of forest land in Tadicherla R.F. of Karimnagar (East) forest division for Kakatiya Khani No.1 Incline Extn. Block (KTK-1 Extn.) underground coal mine Project, in favour of Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) – **Final (Stage-II)** approval accorded – Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 35

Dated: 03-07-2021.

Read the following:-

1. From PCCF, AP, Hyderabad Lr Rc.No.50349/2011/F1(i), dt. 27-11-2013.
2. State Govt. Lr.No. 9737/For.I(1)/2013, dt: 19.02.2014.
3. From GOI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, F.No.8-29/2014-FC, dt. 19-12-2014.
4. From the PCCF, TS, Hyd., Lr.No.50349/2011/FCA-1, dt.15.05.2018
5. State Govt. Lr.No.9737/For.I (1)/2013, Dt:26.05.2018.
6. From the Assistant Inspector General of Forests, GoI, MoEF&CC, New Delhi, F.No.8-29/2014-FC, Dt.16.03.2021.

O R D E R

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad has submitted a proposal for diversion of **115.78 Ha.** of forest land in Tadicherla R.F. of Karimnagar (East) forest division for Kakatiya Khani No.1 Incline Extn. Block (KTK-1 Extn.) underground coal mine Project, in favour of Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL).

2. In the letter 2nd read above, the proposal in para-1 above was forwarded to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, New Delhi, for granting approval under section -2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980.

3. In the 3rd read above, the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, New Delhi, have granted in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the above proposal, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated thereof.

4. In the letter 5th read above, the Government of Telangana have sent the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by GoI, as submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad in her letter 4th read above, to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, New Delhi, for according necessary approval.

5. In the letter 6th read above, Central Government have granted final (Stage-II) approval for the proposal in para 1 above, under Section- 2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

6. Accordingly, Government hereby accord **final (Stage-II)** approval for diversion of **115.78 Ha.** of forest land in Tadicherla R.F. of Karimnagar (East) forest division for Kakatiya Khani No.1 Incline Extn. Block (KTK-1 Extn.) underground coal mine Project, in favour of Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), subject to the following conditions:-

A.Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land to user agency by the State Govt.:

- i. The State Govt. shall ensure the complete compliance on FRA, 2006;It should also be ensured that the FRA certificate issued by District collector is complete with letter number, date, name, signature and official seal, as required in the certificate;

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- ii. The State Govt. shall ensure that the boundary of the diverted forest land, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates; and
- iii. The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance, if required, as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986;
- iv. The State Government shall upload the kml files of the area under diversion and the accepted degraded forest land for raising compensatory afforestation in the E-Green Watch portal of FSI, before handing over forest land to the user agency.
- v. The PCCF/Nodal Officer (FCA) of the State Government shall issue a certificate that no afforestation or plantation has been taken up under any plan/programme/scheme in the last 10 years in the area proposed for compensatory afforestation.

B.Conditions which need to be complied after handing over of forest land to the user agency by the State Govt.;

- vi. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- vii. The user agency shall pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and transfer the same to the ad-hoc CAMPA under intimation to this Ministry;
- viii. The State Govt. and the user agency shall ensure that the forest land on surface of the mining lease is properly fenced and afforested by the user agency;
- ix. The State Govt. and the user agency shall ensure monitoring of the mining induced subsidence and take appropriate mitigative measures to ensure that it remains within the permissible limit.
- x. The period of diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of mining lease proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals(Development & Regulating) Act,1957, as amended or Rules framed there under;
- xi. The State Govt. shall ensure that the mining lease holder shall, after ceasing mining operations, undertake re-grassing the mining area, and any other areas which may have been disturbed due their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna, etc.;
- xii. The User Agency in consultation with State Forest Department shall undertake gap planting and soil & moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forests(having crown density less than 0.4), if any, located in the area within 100 m.from outer perimeter of the mining lease;
- xiii. The State Govt. and the User Agency shall ensure de-silting of the village tanks and other water bodies located within five km from the mine lease boundary so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tanks/ water bodies, whenever required, preferably within five years;
- xiv. The State Govt. and the User agency shall ensure that the ground area over the mine shall not be allowed to be used for construction of residential buildings/labour camps or huts;
- xv. The State Govt. shall ensure that the User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuel to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the adjacent forest areas;

- xvi. The State Govt. shall ensure that the suitable bridges/quality roads are constructed at all low lying spots which may be frequently damaged due to movement of lorries with heavy loads of coal at the cost of the user agency;
 - xvii. The State Govt. shall ensure that the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department of person without obtaining prior approval of the Central Government;
 - xviii. The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly;
 - xix. The State Govt. shall ensure that the compliance report of this approval is uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);
 - xx. The Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the para 1.21 of comprehensive guidelines issued vide this Ministry F.No.5-2/2017-FC dated 28th March, 2019;
 - xxi. Any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife shall be carried with by the State Government and user agency; and
 - xxii. The State Government and user agency shall ensure compliance to all conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval letter dated 19.12.2014 for which undertakings have been obtained from the user agency and also the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, relevant Hon'ble Court Order (S) and NGT Order (S), if any, pertaining to this project for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad shall take necessary action, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

A.SANTHI KUMARI,
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Telangana State, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

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M/s. Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) and User Agency.

PS to Principal Secretary to C.M.

PS to Special Chief Secretary to Government, EFS&T Department.

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